United States House of Representatives Radio-Television Correspondents' Gallery

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Annual Election And Annual Meeting

The Radio-Television Correspondents' Galleries annual election will be held on Wednesday, December 13, and Thursday, December 14, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Senate Radio-Television Gallery, Room S-325, U.S. Capitol.

Any active member, who is eligible to vote, may vote <u>in person</u> during those hours. Absentee ballots will not be accepted. There are **four** positions on the Executive Committee to be filled this year and four candidates. Members serve two-year terms. The person receiving the greatest number of votes will chair the Committee during 2008 (*Since there are only four candidates running this year, voting will determine the outcome for Chair*). A list of the candidates appears below:

Heather Dahl, Fox News

Heather Dahl is a planning Editor at Fox News Channel. Previously, Managing Editor of Capitol News Connection with PRI (CNC). Capitol Hill experience also includes working at The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, NPR and C-SPAN. Committed to advocating members' needs, working with incoming Congressional leaders and the Capitol Police to secure broadcast access in the Capitol and new Visitor Center, in addition to improving RTCA's educational outreach by developing a new young journalist scholarship program.

Jamie Dupree, Cox Radio

Jamie Dupree is the News Director for the Washington Bureau of Cox Radio. A member of the Radio TV Galleries for the past 20 years, Jamie has served once before on the Executive Committee and is well acquainted with the current and past coverage and access issues that confront both radio and television news organizations operating on Capitol Hill.

Chad Pergram, Capitol News Connection with PRI

Chad Pergram is Chief Correspondent for Capitol News Connection with PRI. It provides customized coverage of Congress to public radio stations nationwide. Earlier this year, the Radio/TV Correspondents Association recognized Pergram for his work by presenting him with the prestigious Joan S. Barone Award for excellence in Washington-based national affairs/public policy reporting. Before joining Capitol News Connection, Pergram worked for NPR and C-SPAN. He also teaches a seminar in Washington on the confluence of media and politics for his alma mater, Miami University (OH).

Deirdre Walsh, CNN

Deirdre Walsh is a Congressional Producer for CNN and has worked at CNN covering politics since 2000. Prior to joining the CNN's Capitol Hill unit in August 2005, Walsh worked as the Washington producer for CNN's "Judy Woodruff's Inside Politics" from 2003-2005. At "IP," television's first daily newscast focused exclusively on politics, she coordinated coverage of stories from Capitol Hill, the White House, and the campaign trail. From 2000-2003, Walsh served as a producer and researcher for CNN anchor Judy Woodruff. Walsh intends to make ensuring increased access for broadcast journalists on the Hill the top priority for the executive committee.

The annual meeting will be held on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., in the Senate Radio-Television Gallery